

Reuse Assistance Grants

The California Intergrated
Waste Management Board
Reuse Assistance Grants
program provides incentives
for local public agencies
to develop, implement,
and expand reuse of
non-hazardous material(s)
that would otherwise be
destined for the landfill.



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Who is eligible to apply?

Any “local public agency” (a city, county, or regional agency that is mandated to develop and implement waste reduction programs pursuant to the requirements set forth in Public Resources Code section 40900 et seq.) is eligible to apply for funding. Agencies may apply individually or regionally. Partnerships between local public agencies and private entities (for example, businesses, nonprofits, etc.) are encouraged.

How much money is available?

Eligible applicants may request up to \$50,000.

What is an eligible project?

Eligible projects include reusing a material over again in its current form without any significant processing that alters its material structure.

Examples of reuse projects include:

- Donations to a bulky item collection were diverted to local reuse facilities and included construction and demolition, electronics, and household bulky items. (An average of 810 tons was diverted annually.)
- A new Habitat for Humanity ReStore was established and became entirely self-sufficient within 18 months of operation. (An average of 4,250 tons of construction and demolition materials was diverted annually.)
- A food rescue program was expanded to collect edible unsold food from restaurants, hotels, and hospitals. The food was donated to a nonprofit and distributed to organizations that help meet the nutritional needs of impoverished persons. (An average of 4,200 tons of food waste was diverted annually.)

Ineligible projects include, but are not limited to, website design or development, feasibility studies, composting, grasscycling, wood milling/grinding, and recycling projects.

For more information, see www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Reuse/Grants, or e-mail RAGs@ciwmb.ca.gov.